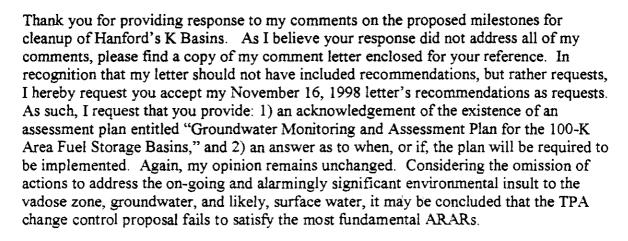
February 15, 1999

Mr. Larry Gadbois U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 712 Swift Boulevard, Suite 5 Richland, WA 99352

Dear Mr. Gadbois:

RE: Response to Public Comments on Hanford's K Basins M-34 Milestones

Dear Mr. Gadbois:



In addition and in response to your response, I respectfully request the following: 1) a copy of all documentation of the "extensive discussions" which address inclusion of the vadose, groundwater, and/or surface water characterization and/or remediation in the workscope of the change package and 2) a copy of all documentation identifying the "cons" of addressing the above referenced on-going and alarmingly significant environmental insult to the vadose zone, groundwater, and likely, surface water in this milestone change package

Lastly, for clarification purposes, I request to better understand your response in relation to when the gross environmental insult to the groundwater, vadose zone, and surface water will be addressed. Your response identifies that only after the actions included in this milestone change package are completed and then those actions necessary to achieve deactivation and stabilization of facilities will remediation of "all 100 Area sites" be implemented. I request that you provide an estimated year of implementation. I interpret your answer to indicate that the grossly contaminated vadose zone, groundwater, and surface water will not be addressed for many years to come. I am adamantly opposed to this prioritization of activities. I respectfully request an acknowledgement that the gross vadose and groundwater contamination is currently impacting what many define as "the Hanford Reach". In summary, your statutory duties to protect the environment are not satisfied by TPA Milestone M-34.



If you have any questions about my letters, please contact me at the address and/or number below.

Sincerely,

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